

## ***THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY***

**November 2012 – Week 5**

**Air Date: November 25 – December 1 (Sunday – Saturday)**



### **TITLE: SILVER TO SOD**

NOVEMBER 1835 AND REBEL TEXANS GO FROM SILVER TO SOD.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

NOVEMBER 26, 1835. NEAR SAN ANTONIO. THE TEXAS REVOLUTION IS JUST A MONTH OLD, BUT THE WAR EFFORT NEEDS MONEY. WHEN SCOUT DEAF SMITH ARRIVES WITH NEWS THAT NEARBY MEXICAN PACK MULES MIGHT BE LOADED WITH SILVER, THEY PLAN AN ATTACK.

JIM BOWIE RIDES OUT WITH FORTY MEN TO DELAY THE MEXICANS, AND A HUNDRED MORE FOLLOW ON FOOT. ALONG ALAZAN CREEK, THE TWO FORCES CLASH!

AFTER A PITCHED BATTLE, THE MEXICANS FLEE, ABANDONING THEIR MULES. THE TRIUMPHANT TEXANS ARE SOON CHAGRINED TO FIND THE MULES CARRY NOT SILVER... BUT GRASS, MEANT FOR THE MEXICAN HORSES.

THE INFAMOUS GRASS FIGHT TOOK PLACE 177 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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